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**Minutes  
Handicappers Council Meeting  
January 20, 2008**

A handicappers council meeting was held on Sunday January 20, 2008 at the Tacoma Yacht Club, Tacoma WA.

Attendance:

Alan Grim, MIL – CH	Kirk Utter, None-1
Michael Wright, NWMA-2	Larry Clark, SH
Stuart Farrell, ST-2	David Hickman, RC, PYC, SYS
Matthew Wood, CN-1,2,3	John Wolfe, CE
Pat Waters, TT	Tom Gilbert, AN
Ken Slatterly, TA	Mike Milburn, SE
Denny Flannigan for Pat Nelson, CNT	Robert Miles, WINSA
Bruce Von Borstel, SEQ	Bill Nelson, None-1
Charles Tolman, RVN, SID, SSI	Ron Jewula, RVC

**GENERAL HANDICAPPER COUNCIL BUSINESS**

**Call to Order/Adoption of Previous Minutes**

The meeting was called to order by the Chief Handicapper (CH), Alan Grim, at 1015 hours.

**A motion was made to accept the December 9, 2007 minutes. The motion carried.**

**Administrative Business**

The CH remarked on the state of the rule. Much was accomplished in 2007, bringing the current rule into align with the intent of the previous Chief Handicappers proposed protocol as directed by the Handicappers and the Directors at the beginning of 2007. The CH noted that many Handicappers are feeling overwhelmed by the change, and are asking for a moratorium on changes to allow time to catch-up. The CH agrees. There are no major changes foreseen at this time. We will hold the rule as currently revised through PCN-07-07, plus any changes required in the Dec 9 meeting (T rating revision).

The member database is in need of a revision to support the protocol changes. The CH intends to make that change top priority for the beginning of the year.

The CH proposed creating a new position of Handicapper-Emeritus. The CH may appoint handicappers to this position that meet the criteria of being long

term respected handicappers that wish to retire from active handicapping but are willing continue to support the Handicappers Council as mentors. The intent is to retain the extensive knowledge of our long term handicappers while allowing new handicappers to become a part of PHRF-NW.

**Motion: The CH will prepare the appropriate language to be included in the protocol. The Motion Carried.**

The A/R form has been revised to accommodate the current protocol through PCN-07-07. The Measurement Diagram has also been updated. Both are posted on the PHRF-NW website. All new applications should be made using the new form and measurements. [The CH took an action to improve the measurement diagram regarding the mainsail \(borrow the ISAF diagram\).](#)

The implementation process is discussed in the Regional Council report of the BCRC.

The CH noted that BC Sailing had published a "Simplified Appeal Process" article on their website. Turns out the process is much the same as PHRF-NW has implemented, utilizing the Regional Councils to review ratings more frequently.

**Motion: Regional Councils are authorized to review and adjust ratings of boats unique to their region, with the oversight of the Chief Handicapper. Regional Councils are also authorized to coordinate rating changes for boats in multiple regions, with the oversight of the CH. The motion carried.**

**Motion: Regional Councils are authorized to utilize the above process with regard to base rating changes required by the revised protocol. Motion Carried.**

The Yahoo Forum may be used for electronic voting and to disseminate results.

### **Sub-Region Council Reports**

Seattle RC Report (Matt Wood)

The Seattle RC is undertaking a review of the Big Boat Fleet. Kirk Utter has agreed to coordinate with the owners. The plan is to review the performance of the boats and determine PHRF-NW proposed ratings for each. Then review those with the owners with the goal of arriving at mutually agreeable ratings. Initial work has identified three boats to use as "anchors" on which to develop relative ratings; Neptune's Car, Flash, and White Cloud. The SRC will attempt to arrive at reasonable ratings prior to the start of the Center Sound Series.

South Sound RC Report (Pat Waters)

The SSRC has reviewed 6-8 boats recently. Some of those Rating Reviews will be covered in the afternoon session.

The SSRC proposed a revision to the Miscellaneous Rating table that expands the table and recommends rating adjustments for each item. The Handicappers generally desired a more “arbitrary” list that allows some leeway. The CH will continue to work with the SSRC on further refinement.

The SSRC proposed allowing rating adjustments for boats with dodgers left installed for racing. The discussion expanded to suggest that a second class of certificate be issued to boats that are not raced at the top levels. More thought is required before further action can be taken.

**Lunch Break (1200 – 1300)**

**Sub-Region Council Reports (cont)**

British Columbia RC Report (Charles Tolman)

Ron Jewula reported on the BCRC progress regarding base rating changes to the new protocol. The BCRC determined all the boats within their region that required a base rating adjustment (all with ISP > I and/or JC > J), recalculated the codes, and base ratings while holding the as-sailed ratings fixed to the greatest extent practical. The results proposed are summarized below:

<b>Boat Type</b>	<b>Old Base</b>	<b>New Base</b>	<b>Comments</b>
AERO38-1	72	42	
T240	132	99	
ANDR28-1	128	83	
CY8.0	132	114	
RIP50	No base	-66	
MTGA30-1	117	90	
NEWY36-1	106	106	
HOTF20-1			Change JC = J, no base change
JBOA80-1	147	117	
MART24-2	168	159	
ANTR27-1	141	87	
BENE10R-1	93	78	
ROCK22-1			Wait for sprit vs pole decision
TUUL680	195	171	

**Motion: Accept the above changes. The motion carried.**

The CH approved the submittal of a “mass” change form. [Ron J will submit the form to the business office and the CH will request the office accept the form.](#)

The BCRC has a list of the boats in PHRF-NW that require changes to the new protocol. The BCRC will post the list to the Yahoo forum for use by the other Regional Councils and Handicappers.

Portland RC Report (David Hickman)

The Portland RC has been reviewing the protocol. The protocol has ASL text that may no longer be needed. [The CH took an action to review and propose changes if necessary.](#) The CH will use the Yahoo forum to propose any changes and utilize the yahoo Voting function to arrive at any changes.

David noted that the wording for the use of both A- and S-spinnakers may require rewording. The CH will address.

David requested a discussion of the use of trapeze/moveable ballast. The CH noted that in some circles PHRF is considered a type of "class" rule. By rating boats with trapeze or moveable ballast PHRF-NW is revising the RRS. The general consensus has not changed. PHRF-NW does not endorse these types of boats but only provides ratings should yacht clubs wish to allow these variations to race in their events. The yacht clubs should state in their Sailing Instructions that the pertinent rules are changed for that event.

West Sound (Bruce Von Borstel)

The previous chairman, Jerry Cornell, has resigned from handicapping. Tom Gilbert raised a question regarding bottom fairing and keel templating. Is fairing of the bottom and/or keel templating considered a significant hull/keel alteration? Opinions varied. Further discussion is needed.

Multi-hull RC Report (Mike Wright)

Mike reported that the MRC will revise their chapter of the protocol in time for the 2009 book.

### **Appeals/Rating Adjustments**

S/N 79025, Time Warp

No appeal was presented. The Handicappers Council directed the SSRC to manage the rating per the above motion allowing the RCs to address boats within their region.

C&C37/40-1, -2, R

The SSRC proposed the following base rating changes

C&C37-1	73 to 78
C&C37-2	69 to 75
C&C37R	66/69 to 72

**Motion: Accept proposal. The motion carried.**

CHEE30-1

The SSRC proposed the base rating change from 162 to 153 (-9 seconds as-sailed). The CH proposed the rating be changed to a T and the responsible handicapper manage the rating of the boat.

Motion: Revise the rating to T, responsible handicapper to manage. The motion carried.

ULTI20-1

Bob Miles (WINSA) worked with David Hickman on the ULTI20-1 fleet regarding the base rating change for the revised protocol. The base rating changes from 186 to 156.

**Motion: revise the base rating of the ULTI20-1 from 186 to 156. The motion carried.**

Joint Directors/Handicappers Session (1500 hours)

The Directors joined the Handicappers for a joint session.

The CH provided an overview of the changes for the last year and thanked the handicappers for their efforts. The CH intends to place a high priority on supporting the update to the member database.

The One-Design (ODR) rating change that was approved by the handicappers in December requires a vote by the directors to change the bylaws. That vote did not happen due to the fact that the subject did not get on the directors agenda. The CH state that the handicappers had enough to work on this year.

The CH reviewed the proposed Handicapper-Emeritus position with the directors.

The CH discussed the possibility of two classes of certificates with the directors.

The meeting adjourned at 1400 hours.

Meeting minutes as recorded by Alan Grim.

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